

SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-7 and 12 are rejected. Claims 8-11 and 13 are withdrawn. Claim 3 is cancelled. Claims 1 and 4 are amended. Claims 1, 2, 4-13 are pending. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the amended claims and the following remarks:

Remarks

Applicants wish to express their appreciation to Examiner Mertz for the courtesy of holding an Examiner Interview with Applicants' representative, Paul Borchardt, on January 12, 2009, discussing proposed amendments to the claims to place the application in condition for allowance. The arguments submitted in the response filed August 1, 2008 are incorporated herein by reference.

Applicants further submit that in view of the prospective allowance of the composition claims, reconsideration of the withdrawn claim 13 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that this paper fully addresses the Office Action mailed August 1, 2008. In light of the remarks set forth above, Applicants believe that they are entitled to a Letters patent. Applicants respectfully solicit the Examiner to expedite the prosecution of this patent application to issuance. Should the Examiner have any question, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit account No. 23-2415 (Attorney Docket No.: 31304-763.831) for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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